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25X1 On 23 November, the castle in Barby quartered 200 to 300 men wearing
 25X1 black-bordered black or red-bordered black epaulets. Nine squads of
 25X1 nine men left the castle in the morning hours. Boards, beams and poles
 were cut with a band saw between the Elbe River and the castle. About
 30 men constructed and set up benches and tables in this area. Two
 pontoons were in the courtyard of the estate opposite the castle.

25X1 Comment. 300 to 400
 25X1 men were quartered in the former castle in Barby, where the 323d Engr Bn (US)
 of the Third Shock Army is stationed. This number came nearer to the actual
 25X1 strength of the battalion than the estimate in this report.

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